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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve changes to the Figures as shown in red ink on the attached drawings. In particular, the spelling of "Figur" has been changed to --Figure--. Further, reference numeral "5" has been changed to --4-- in Figure 5.

It is requested that the requirement for corrected formal drawings be held in abeyance until allowance of this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Three (3) sheets of red ink drawings